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TO ANKARA AND ATHENS

1. FOLLOWING SC MEETING FEB 20, I ALONG WITH AMBS BUFFUM AND SCHAUFLE MET WITH SYG WALDHEIM WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP WHICH INCLUDED STOPS IN ANKARA AND ATHENS. WALDHEIM ACCOMPANIED BY GUYER, URQUHART AND WECKMANN-MUNOZ.

2. IN ANAKARA, WALDHEIM FOUND TURKS ANXIOUS TO GET ON WITH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES WITH SOME SENSITIVITY TO THE NEED FOR NEW ELEMENT WHICH MIGHT GIVE RENEWED IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS. WALDHEIM MENTIONED TO TURKS SUGGESTION WHICH HAD BEEN MADE TO HIM HERE BY GREEK AMB TO MOVE TALKS TO NEW YORK AND INCLUDE REPS OF GREEK AND TURKISH GOVTS AS WELL AS CLERIDES AND DENKTASH.

3. TURKS TURNED DOWN NEW YORK FLATLY, BUT SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF MOVING NEGOTIATING SITE ELSEWHERE, SUCH AS TO BEIRUT WITH
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GREEK AND TURKISH GOVTS PROVIDING ADVISERS NOT FULL SCALI

PARTICIPANTS. WALDHEIM SAID THAT POSSIBILITY OF GENEVA OR VIENNA HAD ALSO BEEN MENTIONED AND TURKS HAD PROMISED HIM QUICK REPLY ON THEIR PREFERENCES.

4. IN ATHENS WALDHEIM FOUND COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SITUATION WITH CARAMANLIS STRIKING NOTE OF DESPERATION AND INSISTING ON NEED FOR ACTION WHICH WOULD HELP HIM TO HOLD HIS OWN PEOPLE IN LINE. IN FACT, WALDHEIM WAS OBVIOUSLY MOST IMPRESSED BY PROFUNDITY OF CARAMANLIS' BELIEF THAT IF ADEQUATE PROGRESS WERE NOT POSSIBLE WITHIN REASONABLE TIME HE WAS IN DANGER OF LOSING CONTROL TO RIGHT-WING MILITARY COUP.

5. ALTHOUGH CHANGE OF VENUE POSSIBILITIES WERE DISCUSSED WITH GREEKS, HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY FINAL REPLY UNTIL GREEKS SEE WHAT COMES OUT OF SC. IN THIS REGARD, WALDHEIM SAID HE TOLD CARAMANLIS NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM SC BEYOND POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION OF UNILATERAL TURKISH-CYPRIOUS DECLARATION OF FEDERATED INDEPENDENT STATE AND RENEWED CALL FOR CONTINUATION OF PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS. HE ADDED THAT CARAMANLIS, OBVIOUSLY IN EMOTIONAL TONES, PLEADED WITH HIM TO USE HIS GOOD INFLUENCE WITH PERMANENT MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY SOVIET UNION AND US, TO PROVIDE SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT WHICH WOULD HELP HIM INTERNALLY.

6. THE THREE ELEMENTS ON WHICH CARAMANLIS SAID HE NEEDED STATEMENT OF TURK POSITION WERE: 1) AGREEMENT ON FEDERAL STATE, 2) NUMBER OF TURKISH ZONES, 3) PERCENTAGE OF ISLAND TO BE PART OF TURKISH ZONE. HE ALLEGEDLY SAID THAT IF HE COULD GET CLARIFICATION OF TURKISH POSITION HE PERSONALLY WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT.

7. AT THIS POINT, WALDHEIM SHOWED US DRAFT LETTER OF HIS IMPRESSIONS OF ATHENS VISIT WHICH HE HAD PROMISED TO SEND TO EISENHOWER WHICH PARALLELED DESCRIPTION OF SITUATION HE GAVE US REPORTED ABOVE.

8. AS PARTICULAR INDICATION OF STATE OF GREEK NERVES, WALDHEIM CITED CARAMANLIS' DISCLAIMER THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GO TO WAR WHICH WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR REGION AND FOR DETENTE BUT WAS NOT SURE HE COULD AVOID IT.

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9. I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS REPORT FROM SYG SO SOON AFTER HIS RETURN. I NOTED THAT IT APPEARED CARAMANLIS WANTED TURKS TO SPELL OUT THEIR POSITION EVEN BEFORE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH DID NOT APPEAR VERY REALISTIC. WALDHEIM THOUGHT CARAMANLIS REALIZED THIS BUT HAD TO HAVE SOMETHING FROM TURKS AS WELL AS FROM US IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED.

10. AFTER THIS CONVERSATION, TURK DEL TOLD US THEY
PREPARED TO ACCEPT VIENNA AS A NEW SITE.
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